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2 March 1960

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Chief, Man Library Division

SUBJECT:

D/GL Activity Report for the Month of February, 1960

A. Major Research and Technical Support Activity

L. 28,683 items were forwarded to requesters by the Reference Branch, in response to 2,123 requests for maps, related geographic publications, and reference information, as follows:

	No. of Requests	No. of items forwarded
Maps	1,468 147 -	23.382
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Publications	112	208
Place Name requests	152	** ** **
Miscellaneous reference ouestions	21.11	
	2,123	28,683

The requests which were filled included fourteen for maps needed in connection with President Eisenhower's trip to South America and those for numerous maps and charts which were forwarded to the Law of the Sea Delegation, Geneva, Switzerland, for the use of Dr. G. Etzel Pearcy, Geographer, a Department of State delegate to the conference.

- 2. Of the 3.558 map sheets which were obtained from foreign sources during the month, 43% were received on exchange, 17% were received as gifts, and 40% were purchased. Significant items included various 1959 city plans and economic maps of the Soviet Zone of Germany, a 1959 map of Soviet Central Asia and Kazakhstan, a new administrative division map of Gzechoslovakia, and twenty-five recent Russian hydrographic charts of Antarctica. reported procurement 25X1A9a of Survey of India border sheets previously unavailable.
- 36 A Five-Year Summary of Procurement, 1955-1959, showed a total of 286,742 map sheets procured. 35% of the maps were for AMS, 34% for CIA, 21% for the Library of Congress, and the remaining 10% for various other Government mapping agencies. Purchases account for 46% of the total procurement; exchanges, 37%; and gifts, 17%. Procurement from the Soviet Bloc totaled almost 10,000 sheets, three times the procurement in the previous five-year period. Outside the Sino-Soviet Bloc, the deficiencies in procurement were chiefly in areas not regularly visited by Geographic Attachés.

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- ho Domestic Procurement Section personnel held several meetings with DD/P desk personnel concerning the Special Project activities and Near East mapping problems.
- 5. Support and guidance materials are being prepared to fill requests made by field personnel of during his TDY in 25X1A9a

B. Planning and Development

- l. Dr. Lauri Niemela is being briefed in the Agency and at the several mapping agencies in preparation for his assignment as Geographic Attaché for Northwest Europe.
- 2. Requirements have been forwarded to Rome for the use of Mr. Rogers, who will conduct a 7 to 8 week procurement mission in Italy. Requirements are in preparation for a procurement mission by Mr. Biggs in Venezuela, Colombia, and the Guianas, to begin approximately 22 March.
- 3. Mr. Dean Rugg, Geographic Attaché with headquarters in Bonn, will arrive in the U.S. 28 March for consultation prior to home leave.
- C. Significant Outside Contacts and Activities 25X1A9a
 - Dr. Madhat Namiq, Secretary General of the Syrian Ministry of Industry, Mr. Osman Moharram, Assistant Undersecretary of State for Mineral Wealth, Ministry of Industry, and Mr. Abdul al-Basit Khattib, Director of the Chab Project.
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 2. Questions raised by regarding the interest of the U.S. in giving mapping assistance to Syria were discussed with representatives in ACSI and the Air Force, and with the Department of State Desk Officer.
 - 3. Meetings were held with ICA and Yemen Desk Officers, at which proposed aerial photography and mapping projects were discussed. The project in Egypt, which would result in aerial photography and geological mapping for a large part of the Western Desert, will probably be implemented soon. The proposed project for aerial mapping of Yemen is not receiving strong ICA support, primarily because of a shortage of funds.

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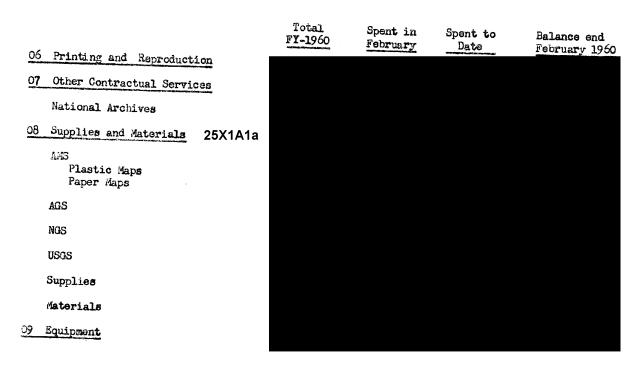
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